Lord Grenville
August 14 : 1791

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Whitehall 1st September 1791
10. p. M.

Mr Dundas humbly begs leave to transmit the accompanying letter for His Majesty's Perusal. Mr Dundas delayed mentioning the Subject or communicating the letter till He

had taken an opportunity of conversing with Major Hobart. He has done so upon the Subject of Major Bucheridge, and likewise upon the Late Recommen:
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Lord Grenville
August 14th 1791

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submitting the Particulars
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Mr Dundas likewise
presumes to transmit to

Mr Quantock
September 1. 1791

His Majesty a letter he has received from Sir William Fawcett upon the subject of which His Majesty may perhaps be pleased to intimate His Commands.

Mr. Secy. Dundas
Wimbledon 4th Sept.

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Wimbledon Sunday 4th Sept.
11. P. M.

Mr Dundas with humble duty and infinite satisfaction transmits the accompanying Communication to His Majesty. When more regular information comes to hand it will be instantly forwarded.

H. Dundas to H.M.

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Whitehall. 5th Sept. 1791.
3. p. M.

Mr Dundas humbly informs His Majesty that the official Dispatches are not yet arrived from the India House. The accompanying is a Private Letter from Sir Charles Oakley.

Mr Secy. Dundas.

Whitehall — 5th Sept. 1791

Ld. Grenville

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Weymouth September 6th. 1791
¾ p. 10. A.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to inclose an account which he has received from Mr. Le Mesurier one of the East India Directors, and which Lord Grenville thought Your Majesty might perhaps chuse to see altho' he imagines it will not contain anything which is not in the public accounts.

Lord Grenville

Weymouth 6th Sept: 91.

Henry Dundas

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Whitehall 7th Sept. 1791
½ past 2 p.m.

Mr Dundas humbly trans-
mits for His Majesty's
perusal the Dispatches
from India; They did
not come to him till
yesterday morning, and
he thought it proper
to send them instantly

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of last night. owing
to the miscarriage of
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is already in possession
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Mr Dundas presumes
to submit to His Majes-
ty's perusal a letter
Mr Dundas has wrote
to Sir Robert Lawley
in answer to one from

him covering an appli-
cation signed by many
respectable Inhabitants
of Birmingham in
favour of one of the
persons convicted at
Warwick. Mr. Dundas
flatters himself that
under the Circumstances
stated in Mr Dundas's

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answer to Sir Robert Law
ley His Majesty will
approve of the Respite
which has been granted.

Mr Dundas has this
postant received a
letter from Mr Baring
upon the subject of
pecuniary Resources

in India, and it is so
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in the perusal of it.

Colonel Dundas
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Whitehall
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Duke of Dorset
September 9. 1791

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Sir

As Your Majesty was graciously pleased to approve the contents of Mr. Burke's paper, I hope Your Majesty will pardon my impertinity in informing you that the extract was delivered safely into the Person's own hand, but it is not yet known what effect it has had as

the difficulties of communication are yet extremely great and dangerous.

I beg leave to subscribe myself

with all possible attachment and respect

Sir

Your Majesty's

most dutiful

Subject and servant

Dorset

Private Sept.r 9th 1791

Lord Grenville
to
Weymouth. 12 Sept. 1791

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Weymouth Sept. 12. 1791.

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As Lord Grenville imagines that Your Majesty will probably hear of Count Redern's arrival here, and will wish to know the object of his journey, he thinks it his duty humbly to inform Your Majesty that Count

Redern

Redern appears to have undertaken this journey only for the purpose of communicating the declaration signed at Pöelnitz which Your Majesty has already seen in Mr. Levaux's dispatches, and that after a long conversation Lord Grenville has not been able to discover that Count Redern has any other information whatever, of what may have passed there. Count Redern assures him that he knows no more of it than what is contained in that paper.

Lord Grenville
September 14 1791

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Weymouth Sept. 14th 1791
15th p. 10. A.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty a letter from Mr. Burke Junior to Mr. Dundas which Lord Grenville has received this morning. The latter part consists entirely of reasoning and may perhaps hardly be worth Your Majesty's taking the trouble of reading so much writing in so bad a hand, but the first

first part seems curious as it states the reason of the Count D'Artois' late journey to Vienna, and the wavering and uncertain conduct of the French King.

Lord Grenville
September 16. 1791

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Weymouth Sept. 16. 1791.
½ p. 11. A.M.

Lord Grenville did himself the honour to attend this morning at Your Majesty's House with the papers which he now takes the liberty to transmit. As he was so unfortunate as not to be

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in time to have the honour of seeing Your Majesty before Your Majesty went out on horse-back, he imagines that this mode of laying them before Your Majesty will not be the least troublesome to Your Majesty.

Capt. Richard Sefton

Sep. 17 1791

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Sir

The very gracious, and condescending attention, with which your Majesty, has had the goodness to honor me, since my return from Gibraltar, and the satisfaction, your Majesty has expressed, in receiving a favorable report, of Prince Edwards, general conduct, during his residence there, has afforded me the highest gratification, in my having had the good Fortune, to promote, what has been useful, to his Royal Highness, consequently pleasing to your Majesty —

I should ill deserve the confidence, with which your Majesty has honored me, if in stating the good Qualities I have with pleasure, remarked in your Son — I should attempt to conceal his faults — the former, I am happy to assert, infinitely preponderate.

The manner in which his Royal Highness, quitted Genoa, tho highly improper, has proved in its consequences, a — fortunate Event — as he thereby, broke the Habits, and left a society, highly prejudicial, and equally difficult to avoid —

while he remained there —.

The Situation, and its Effects, seem to have made a favorable impression, as the Attention paid by his R: Highness, to the Character, and Conduct of the Young Man, whom he has since selected, to associate with, does him infinite honor — and has been productive, of these advantages. there was reason to expect from such a change. The inconsiderate Propensity to Expense, which the Prince had practised is considerably abated, and there is every reason to expect, will decrease with the experience, which he has, and must acquire — of this, the best Proof is, the cheerful, and manly manner, with which his Royal Highness gave up, more than half the income, your Majesty allows him in order to pay his debts — and to enable him to do so, having made a proportional Reduction in his expences.

some Aid from your Majesty, towards diminishing, what he owes, would encourage him, to persevere, in the practice of self denial so necessary, but at his age, so difficult to observe — it will make, your Majesty's Approbation, of his general Conduct while he will be taught clearly to understand, that to Save him, from the difficulties, into which, he has in considerable, involved himself, he must depend, upon the Effects, of his own well regulated Economy.

If your Majesty is pleased, to approve, of what, I thus humbly take the liberty, to propose, I pledge myself to your Majesty, for the —

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Capt. Richard Spence

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satisfactory application of it.

as the wish expressed, by Prince Edward, that I should join him in Canada, seems to meet with your Majesty's approbation, it becomes necessary for me to state, the difficulties, I had to encounter, when placed with your Son.

on receiving your Majesty's commands, to proceed to Gibraltar, I have mentioned, how difficult it would be for me, to approach his Royal Highness, without encreasing the extreme Jealousy, which young Men, are prone to entertain, of all placed near them, in similar circumstances. I have since experienced; the weight of this difficulty, too fully, to wish again to encounter it, without a change of Situation, and the more fortunate, than I had reason to expect in surmounting prejudices and rendering services, which his Royal Highness, has had the kindness, and generosity to acknowledge — I feel most sensibly, that I have gone thro, in effecting, what has been done, and clearly see, how different would have been my situation, and how much more efficacious the services, I could have rendered, if the difficulties, which I have pointed out, could have been removed —

when your Majesty directed me, to join Prince Edward, in order to do so, I gave up the Situation, in which your Majesty, had the goodness to place me — with the Prince of Wales, on the Formation of his Household — Whenever your Majesty, shall think proper, to

make Prince Edward an Allowance, for the same Purpose; His Royal Highness, has, in the most kind, and candid manner, informed me — that it will be, in the smallest Sum possible, from a conviction, how unequal his Income, ever must be, to any expence of that kind, which it will be possible to avoid — that there will be no Salaration, he would offer to me, and that he had — named; the two Gentlemen, intended to compose it — before; I had the Honor, to Remark, to his Royal Highness therefore, with every wish, in the Prince, to serve me, which he has expressed, to your Majesty, in the Strongest terms — his doing so, is clearly impracticable —

The difficulty of the Situation, in which your Majesty placed me, was such — as none wished to encounter — I therefore trust, that having undertaken it, so arduous, and my exertions, having been fortunately instrumental, in contributing to a Change, of Conduct in the Prince, which is justly pleasing to your Majesty, I shall think the time, and Anxiety it has cost me, well employed — having the most perfect Reliance, on your Majesty's goodness that my Professional, as well as personal Services, will not be forgotten —

In my professional Pursuits, I have been so unfortunate, as to believe, and hope, there is no other Instance, of the kind, to be hereafter — in near thirty Years approved, and arduous part of it, Active Service —

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I have never, even accidentally, profitted, by the casualties attending the events of war; the Theatre, in which I served, lost a greater number of Officers, than any other, in the course of last war — I have purchased every Reg.l Commission I ever held; and when Promotion came to my turn, it was given over my head; to those with whom, in point of claim, there could have been competition. I have been successively, called to the situations, of Adjutant, and Qr. Master General, by Gen.l Shadowe, and Sir Chas Grey. Six Nine years since, I was appointed, Dr. Mr. General, to the Troops in America, a Commission, to which I believe there has been subsequent appointment — and where, if your Majesty approves, I can be most useful to the Prince, the difficulties of my former situation, will thereby be removed — and as far, as now can be done; some Reparation made, for the Mortification I feel, in seeing every day, Officers, some of my Senior in point of Service — and who have never been selected, for situations, of other confidence, or difficulty — now precede me, amongst the Lt Colonels, who were last year, promoted to the Rank of Colonel, there are eighteen, who were Ensigns, & Lieutenants since I have been a Capt —

Last year, Your Majesty, had the goodness, to think of me, for an appointment in Ireland — the situation of Adjutant General

is now vacant — for which, in time of War, General Meadows thought me qualified —

It is not without extreme Pain, that I thus presume, to trespass on your Majesty's goodness, on which, I solely rely — If there are occasions, in which it is necessary, to speak of ourselves, the peculiar circumstances, in which I stand at present, I hope with your Majesty, will plead my excuse —

If your Majesty chuses, that I should come to Canada, with every part of which, I am acquainted — under Colonel Simcoe, the rank my Father, as an Officer, I will come with pleasure — as I know him both to be, a Man of Sense, and a Man of Honor.

Whatever may be your Majesty's determination, I most humbly intreat, your Majesty will have the goodness, to inform me, before I go to Ireland — where, in the Arrangement of my private Affairs, it will be to me, of the utmost importance — which your Majesty, is always, so kind, and gracious, as to consider —

I am with the most perfect Respect

Your Majesty's

most dutiful, and most devoted

Subject and Servant

Richd Symons

Weymouth the 27 Septr

1791 —

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as the circumstances relating to myself, must appear extraordinary. I trust, your Majesty will have the goodness to excuse, my having recourse to Paper to prove the Facts.

Captain Symes.

Weymouth --- 17th Sept. 1791.

Enclosure

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London 5th June 1799

My Lord

The Appointment of Major Ogle, into the 2d Regt over the heads of Officers, of long Service, and Claims, to your Lordship's Protection, with which, they presume, you were unacquainted, obliges me to State them, for your Lordships consideration.

The Regt in which I am Oldest Captain, has served 18 years in America, and in the course of the present War, suffered more, than any Corps employed on that Service, in which, the Lt Col. Major, and six Captains, have fallen in Action — and twenty seven Officers, been killed, and wounded; I am the only Capt. remaining, who began the War, in that Capacity, and hoped, that under these Circumstances, I should not have experienced, the extreme, and cruel Mortification, of having an Officer who sold his Commission, at the beginning of the War, elected, to be put over my head, at this period of it —

Having in the Course of the American War, served under the immediate orders of Lord Cornwallis, and General Fraser, I may have to assert their Opinions, and Approbation of my Conduct, during that Period.

I am led to hope, that your Lordship will consider, and from the Facts I have stated, repair as far as possible, the Injury I have sustained in being deprived of a Succession, to which, I flatter myself, your Lordship, will think I had so just a Claim —

I have the honor to be,

Your Lord Ship's

most obedient, and

most humble Servant

R. Lynes Capt

2d Regt

Right Honble

Lord Amherst

Commander in

Chief

Sir

Mansfield Street 26 May 1779

I feel it my Duty, to bear Testimony of the merit of Officers, who have served with me; As you was, during great part of the American war, immediately under my Command; I had constant Opportunity's, of being an Eye witness, of your good services; and can with truth affirm, that you always shewed the greatest Zeal; and Attention to your Duty, and that I do not know a more meritorious Officer

Cornwallis

To Capt Symes
52d Regt.

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My Lord

30 May 1779

I take the Liberty of addressing your Lordship, on a Subject, in which, I am certain, every General Officer who has served in America, will most cordially Join me, it is a Duty more particularly incumbent on me, and which I owe, both to your Lordship and to the Service; Captain Symes has served immediately under my Command in America, as Major of Brigade and I can assure your Lordship, that he is an Officer, of much experience, Spirit, and Abilities; I do not know a better, and am convinced, the General Officers acquainted with his Merit, would be happy to have him, on any Service, in which, they might be employed I Address myself thus, to your Lordship, being persuaded, that from your Attention at all times to the just rewards of Merit, that you have not been acquainted, with the Character of Capt Symes, or he would not at present have experienced, the Severe disappointment, of a Major being now Just over him, in the Regt in which he is Eldest Capt. my feelings on this occasion, for an Officer, who I know, is in every respect deserving, interest me warmly, and I know, with

your lordship, will best plead my Cause
I have the honor to be — &c &c &c &c

Charles Grey

To
Lord Amherst

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My Dear Sir. — Richmond Park 29 Decr 1780

I am going to Command an Expedition with — 3000 Men; with which my Staff — is to consist of a Qr. General — D: Q: M: General; two A: d: Camps, & one M: of Brigade: the Reason of my thus addressing you, is to say; that by offering you, the Appt of Adjutant General, I think, I some ways, pay much more, than you — If this is with your Acceptance, the sooner you come to Town, the better, as I expect every day a Summons to receive my final Instructions — If not, you will look upon it as a mark of my Esteem from — Yours most faithfully

William Meadows

To Capt Symes. Copy

Monsieur.

Je ne saurois a vous marquer ma — reconnaissance, pour les preuves, d'amitie, que vous m'avez donnée, tant durant votre sejour a Hanovre — que durant celui, que vous avez faites, a Amsterdam.
Vos remarques, sur la locale, d'Amsterdam, m'ont paru très justes, et m'ont été très utiles. Il n'y est pas douteux, que vous m'ayez saisi, l'endroit, par ou, nous devions l'attaquer, Je desire a finiment, de trouver des occasions, pour vous —

marquer, toute l'étendue de mon estime, et de la considération distinguée, avec laquelle, j'ai l'honneur d'être

Monsieur

Votre très humble, et très obéissant serviteur

Charles. G. W. Duc de Brunswic Lun en B.g.

A. l'Honorable Sir Gambier

D'Amsterdam le 19 Oct.

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A Mr. Mr. Symes Lieut Colonel au Service de sa Majesté Britannique

Mr Pitt.

September 18. 1791

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Mr Pitt humbly begs Leave to transmit to Your Majesty a Letter which He has just received from Mr Ewart, in answer to that which He had the honor of writing by Your Majesty's Command relative to the proposed Establishment of His Royal Highness, The Duke of York.

Weymouth Sunday. Sept 18.th 1791. 45 m past 9 A.M.

Ld. Grenville

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Weymouth Sept. the 19. 1791. 15m p. m.

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to submit to Your Majesty the draft of an answer from Your Majesty to the letter from Monsieur and he has also sent that letter as he thought

Your

Lord Granville.

Weymouth — 19. Sept. 1874

Your Majesty might wish to refer to it.

Henry Dundas

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Whitehall one o'clock p.m
21st Sept. 1791

Mr Dundas humbly trans:
:mits for His Majesty's
information the Result
of the Enquiry made at
Birmingham respecting
William Hands a Convict
in the Goal at Warwick,

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and he takes the Liberty
of mentioning that the
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Propriety of the application
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Lawley. Mr Dundas

Henry Dundas

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Mr. Secy. Dundas.

Whitehall — 21. Sept. 1791

Mr Pitt.

September 22. 1791

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Mr Pitt thinks it his Duty to lose no time in presuming humbly to acquaint Your Majesty that a difficulty has been discovered from the Provisions of the Royal Marriage Act, relative to the Marriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, which appears to require

immediate Attention, and the particulars
of which He wishes to be permitted to
submit to Your Majesty, whenever it
is least Inconvenient

Weymouth.
Thursday. Sept 22d 1791. 50m P 9.

Lord Grenville
September 23. 1791

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Whitehall Sept. 23. 1791. ½ p. 3. PM.

Lord Grenville having received here the papers from Sir George Yonge which he has herewith the honour to transmit to Your Majesty hopes that under the circumstances Your Majesty will approve of his troubling Your Majesty with them in this manner.

Henry Dundas

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Whitehall 23d. Sept. 1791
½ past 3 p.m.

Mr Dundas finding that the Instrument signifying His Majesty's Consent to the Marriage of His Royal Highness The Duke of York must be signed by His Majesty before the Great Seal is affixt, humbly presumes to transmit

for his Majestys Signature the accompanying Instruments Mr Dundas has directed the Messenger to go direct from Weymouth to Lord Thengons house in Flintshire where Lord Chancellor now is, and therefore for the sake of

Henry Dundas

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Expedition has presumed to countersign the Instrument hereunto sent.

Mr Plumtree
Letter to 23. 1791

Wm. Pitt

Sep. 25 1791

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Mr Pitt has the honor of transmitting to Your Majesty a Letter which He received this Morning from Mr Ewart enclosing the Instrument which He has signed at Berlin sub spe rati. –

The Informality of the Proceeding seems encreased, by the Act not being

now sent thro the Official Channel of the Secretary of State, and it seems to require some Consideration in what Manner the Business may be best put into a regular Shape. As it appears material to learn the Sentiments of the Lord Chancellor on this Subject, Lord

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Wm. Pitt

Sep. 25 1791

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Grenville has dispatched another Messenger to Vienna with a Copy of this Paper, and has also sent to your Majesty's Law Servants, whose Opinion it may be useful to have, previous to preparing any Instructions to be submitted to Your Majesty

Downing Street

Sunday. September 25th 1791. 3 P.M.

Mr Pitt

September 25. 1791

Lord Thurlow
September 26 1791

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In obedience to your Majesty's Commands the Chancellor has forthwith affixed the great Seal to your Majesty's consent to His Royal Highness's marriage with the eldest Princess of Prussia. If He had known, that such a business was so immediately in agitation, He would not have been absent from London. Perhaps, considering the Nature and Application of the Statute, the Preamble might

have been more conveniently omitted. But the Difference is certainly not considerable enough to warrant any Delay under all the Circumstances.

as to the Settlement, He presumes to think, that the King of Prussia has acted not less wisely, than gallantly, in trusting implicitly to the Generosity of Your Majesty, and Your Parliament.

Hawkestone Shropshire
26. September 1791.

Mr Secy. Dundas.
Weymouth — 27th Sept. 1791.

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Weymouth. ¼ past. 8 o clock
27th Sept. 1791

Mr Dundas presumes to inform His Majesty of His arrival at Weymouth, and waits His Majesty's Commands at what time tomorrow it is His Majesty's pleasure to hold a Council. To take the chance of Hearing from Lord Chancellor, Mr Dundas humbly

suggests that the Flour may
be as late as is suitable to
His Majesty's Convenience.

Ld. Grenville

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Whitehall Sept. 28th. 1791. 2 P.M.

Lord Grenville hopes that Your Majesty will have the goodness to excuse the liberty he takes in humbly laying before Your Majesty the inclosed correspondence which has passed between the Lord Chancellor and him relative to the business of the marriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of York. Lord Grenville is much

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too sensible of all the gracious and unmerited favour which he has on every occasion experienced from Your Majesty, and of the obligations of his duty both public and personal, not to feel with the utmost regret the necessity of troubling Your Majesty at all with a business of this nature. Whatever occasion he may have had to see with concern the conduct of the Lord Chancellor towards him in very many instances connected with Your Majesty's service, he has always felt himself bound to observe that line of conduct which he knew would be most consonant to Your Majesty's wishes, and above all to refrain from breaking in upon Your Majesty's ease and

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Quiet by presuming to make Your Majesty in any manner a party to any thing of this sort. Nor has he the least idea of departing in the present instance from the same line, or of suffering any private feelings of his own ever to interfere with objects of such infinitely greater importance. But as Lord Grenville could not help being apprehensive that some representation may have been made to Your Majesty on this occasion by the Lord Chancellor of a similar tendency with the complaints in his letter to Lord Grenville, and as he is above all things anxious to stand right in Your Majesty's opinion on such an occasion as the present, he has ventured to submit to Your Majesty all the letters

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which have passed on this occasion, and to assure Your Majesty that he shall have nothing more to wish with respect to it, if he can flatter himself that Your Majesty, to whom all the circumstances of the business are fully known, is pleased not to disapprove of his conduct.

Lord Grenville
September 20. 1791

Ld. Grenville

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Whitehall Sept. 30. 1791. 3. 92.

Lord Grenville begs leave to acknowledge with the utmost gratitude Your Majesty's goodness in the expression of Your Majesty's gracious approbation of his conduct in the business on which he ventured

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to humble Your Majesty. He would not have done so at all if the letter of the Lord Chancellor had not appeared to him to convey a charge of inattention to his duty towards Your Majesty, which he should be deeply concerned that Your Majesty should think well-founded on any occasion, but most particularly on such a one as the present. Your Majesty's goodness has relieved Lord Grenville from all uneasiness on that head, and with respect to any thing else he has only to assure Your Majesty of his fixed determination

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to avoid all altercation upon the subject, and to prevent as far as in him lies Your Majesty's ever having any further trouble respecting it.

Lord Grenville has the honour to return the Lord Chancellor's letter to Your Majesty, and begs to express his sense of Your Majesty's gracious condescension in communicating it to him.

Lord Grenville hopes that Your Majesty will approve of his having taken steps for sending Mr. Lindsay to Dublin to relieve Mr. Ewart as Mr. Jackson was too ill to go.

Lord Grenville

September 30 1791